

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Roseau County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 6, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P423//ES-01-271**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 1986, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Roseau County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On October 28, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County.

On May 25, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Wikstrom Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County.

On December 29, 1999, the Commission approved actual costs Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company incurred in placing a portion of a tandem based E911 service for Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

On August 18, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs Garden Valley Telephone Company incurred for placing interexchange trunks and transfer lines for ANI service in a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

On August 28, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability incurred for placing a portion of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

On September 25, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Wikstrom Telephone Company for the installation of interexchange circuits from their Exchanges to the

Turtle River Selective Router for tandem based ANI for their part of the Roseau 911 Emergency Services system.

On January 16, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative for the installation of interexchange circuits between the Greenbush, Badger, Starthcona, Wannaska, Malung, Roosevelt, Roseau, and Warroad Exchanges to the Turtle River Router. The Cooperative also installed PSAP trunk lines to the Roseau Exchange and an inter-tandem interconnection circuit between the Erskine and the Turtle River Routers to provide ANI to the Roseau County 911 Emergency Services System.

CURRENT FILING

On January 17, 2001, Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative (the Cooperative) filed an amendment to their Certification for Roseau County as approved by the Commission on January 16, 2001 under Docket #P423/ES-01-42. The Cooperative would like to amend their certification to include another interexchange tandem circuit between the Erskine and Turtle River Routers that was not listed in their December 27, 2000 Certification (see circled item on Attachment A).

On January 17, 2001, the Cooperative certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of the additional inter-tandem interexchange circuit.

The Cooperative is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI system costs as amended for Roseau County. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on the amended Attachment A, reflect only charges for

services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Roseau County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the amended costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2001 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Roseau County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P423/ES-01-271.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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